

MAJOR GENERAL

MARK P. HERTLING

Commanding General Multi-National Division North and 1st Armored Division



Maj. Gen. Hertling was commissioned in June 1975 from the United States Military Academy at West Point, and was immediately assigned as a Tank and Scout Platoon Leader in the 3rd Infantry Division (Schweinfurt, Germany). He commanded tank and mechanized infantry companies in the 5th Infantry Division (Fort Polk, Louisiana) and subsequently attended the Air Defense Officer Advanced Course in Texas. He then received a master's degree in physiology at Indiana University before teaching at West Point.

After graduating from the Army's Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies, Maj. Gen. Hertling returned to Germany for service with the 1st Armored Division in Ansbach, where he was Chief of Operations and Deputy G3 before serving as Operations Officer (S3) for 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment during Operation Desert Storm. Upon redeployment, Maj. Gen. Hertling served as a special assistant to the Commanding General, Training and Doctrine Command (Fort Monroe, Va.) prior to assuming command of 1st Squadron, 16th Cavalry at Fort Knox, Ky. Following Squadron Command, Maj. Gen. Hertling served as the Armor Branch Chief, Washington, DC.

Selected to attend the National War College, Maj. Gen. Hertling received another master's degree in international relations; he then assumed command of the 3d Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. While in command, 3/2 ID was selected as the first unit to transform into a Stryker Brigade Combat Team. Following Brigade Command, Maj. Gen. Hertling served as Commander, Operations Group, U.S. Army National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. While in the Mojave Desert, he was selected for promotion to brigadier general, and was immediately assigned as the Vice Director -- later Director -- Conventional War Plans and Joint Force Development (J7) on the Joint Staff.

Prior to assignment as the 1st Armored Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Hertling served as USAREUR G3, also as the Assistant Division Commander (Support) for the 1st Armored Division, which was deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom, and then found service as the Commander of the emerging Joint-Multinational Training Center at Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Maj. Gen. Hertling's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service

Medal, the Legion of Merit (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" (Valor) Device and several oak leaf clusters. His unit, 1-1 Cavalry, was awarded the Valorous Unit Citation for its performance in Desert Storm, and he was part of the Joint Staff team when they received the Joint Staff Meritorious Unit Award for actions in the War on Terrorism.